



American Embassy, Manama ♦ Human Resources Office

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT CUSTOMS EXPEDITER

Announcement Number: 10-26

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: **CUSTOMS EXPEDITER** (Position # 100029)

OPENING DATE: Sunday, November 28, 2010

CLOSING DATE: Sunday, December 12, 2010

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: - For persons Ordinarily Resident (OR*) in Bahrain: BD 7,514/year (BD 626.166) starting salary, including allowances (position grade **FSN-06**)

Applicants ordinarily resident in Bahrain must possess Bahraini government work and/or residency permits to be eligible for consideration

- For AEFMs* and persons Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR*) in Bahrain: Position grade **FP-08**; salary in US Dollars based on the US pay plan. See the HR section for more details.

All FP position grades are determined by HR in Washington DC

BENEFITS: Excellent working conditions; 5-day workweek; scheduled pay for performance increases; premier worldwide medical insurance coverage for employee and immediate family; 26 work days of annual leave per year; 20 holidays per year (American and Bahraini); optional retirement plan; ample opportunity for on-line/classroom training and personal development; sponsorship for employee and immediate family.

The American Embassy in Manama is seeking candidates for employment as a Customs Expediter in the General Services Office (GSO).

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

The incumbent expedites the customs clearance with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Customs Department and obtains host government approvals for incoming and outgoing shipments of U. S. Embassy Manama. This includes duty and inspection free processing of official and personal supplies and equipment including UAB (Unaccompanied Air Baggage), HHE (Household Effects) and POVs (Privately Owned Vehicle). Maintains regular contact with officials and staff at the MFA, Bahrain Airport, Ministry of the Interior, Customs and other government agencies. Consolidates documents and secures internal approvals and ensures requests are submitted expeditiously. Verifies invoices submitted by shipping companies against packing lists for accuracy. Conducts intermittent and random pre-inspection surveys and pack outs with contractors to ensure DOS/Embassy standards are enforced.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact extension, x2937.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Note: Items 1-5 are ALL REQUIRED. All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. **Education:** Completion of secondary school (high school) is required.

2. **Experience:** At least 2-3 years of experience as an International Shipping Agent and/or customs clearing agent is required.
3. **Language:** Level 3 (proficient) English and Arabic is required.
4. **Knowledge:** A general knowledge of the Department of State and excellent knowledge of host government regulations governing the preparation of documentations, customs exceptions, importation and exportation permits and other paperwork for the shipment of private and U.S. Government property is required.
5. **Abilities & Skills:** Aptitude to fully understand and utilize Department of State inventory (ILMS) system within the first 30 days is required. Must be capable of safely lifting 70 pounds (approx 31 kilos). More than casual familiarity with Microsoft Office suite of applications Word, Excel, Access, and good typing skills is required. Ability to write using precise and correct English is required (this will be tested). A valid Bahraini driver's license is required.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs*) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate addresses the required qualifications above in the application. A USEFM does not have to be residing in Bahrain to be considered, but the sponsoring officer must be officially assigned to post.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of "needs improvement" or "unsatisfactory" on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Current "not ordinarily resident employees" hired under a Personal Services Agreement are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Applicants who claim EFM or MOH* status must include in the cover letter accompanying their application that they are claiming EFM/MOH status, their present nationality, and name and employing section/agency of their sponsoring family member.
2. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); **or**
3. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE; **or**
4. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; plus
5. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application;
6. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above;
7. List any family members who are currently employed at the Embassy. Any omission in this area, either intentional or accidental, may be grounds for dismissal.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office

Attention: Vacancy Announcement # 10-26

U.S. Embassy Manama-Bahrain/P.O. Box 26431/Bahrain

Telephone: 17-242-700 /Fax: 17-242-807

E-mail: ManamaHRO@state.gov

*** DEFINITIONS**

Ordinarily Resident (OR): A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR): An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a General Service (GS) or Foreign Schedule (FS) salary schedule, not under the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- Spouse or domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee, or a child of the sponsoring employee who is an unmarried child at least 18 years old; and
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan, and either: (1) resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad; or (2) resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner as defined in 3 FAM 1610;
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse/ domestic partner when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse/ domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse/ domestic partner, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad at a U.S. Foreign Service post/ mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan, and who is under chief of mission authority. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
 - Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
 - Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.
- A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of eligible family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
 - Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
 - Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010

The American Embassy in Manama, Bahrain provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regards to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

Approved: MGT: GNavadel, Cleared: RHRO: VSmith; GSO: CQuimpo, FMO: MCurtis